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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) BANGKOK 17892, (B) BANGKOK 17565

1. HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT RECONCILE MINISTER OSOT KOSIN'S PROPOSAL CONCERNING NEGOTIATING DATES WASHINGTON WITH CONFLICTING COMMITMENTS OF MINISTER JURICH AND OTHER USG TEXTILE PERSONNEL. SCHODT WILL RECALL THAT AT TIME WE AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO MID-DECEMBER WASHINGTON VENUE, U.S.DEL. EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS DUE TO CONTINGENT COMMITMENT U.S. PERSONNEL TO GATT MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. AS IT TURNS OUT, PARTICIPANTS IN NOVEMBER NEGOTIATING SESSION GENEVA FOUND IT NECESSARY SET UP OPEN-ENDED SESSION BEGINNING DECEMBER 3 TO RUN UNTIL AGREEMENT IS REACHED. FYI. VIEW PAST PERFORMANCE THESE SESSIONS, THERE IS LITTLE HOPE WORK WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINISHED BEFORE DECEMBER 21, IF THEN. SINCE U.S. HAS

MAJOR INTEREST IN SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION MULTIFIBER  
NEGOTIATIONS BY END OF YEAR, ALL RPT ALL ESSENTIAL USG  
TEXTILE PERSONNEL MUST BE IN GENEVA DURING THESE  
NEGOTIATIONS. END FYI.

2. WITH FOREGOING IN MIND, WE APPEAR BE LEFT WITH  
TWO ALTERNATIVES: (A) THAT RTG SEND MRS. OSATANANDA  
AND DR. VIRAPONGSE TO GENEVA TO ARRIVE O/A DEC. 6.  
WE WOULD BE PREPARED HAVE PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH THEM  
THERE. IF RPT IF, AT THAT TIME, IT APPEARED HAT  
MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE FINISHED BY DEC.  
14, THEY AND US DEL. COULD PROCEED WASHINGTON TO BE  
JOINED BY MINISTER OSOT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WEEK  
DEC. 17. WE BELIEVE WE COULD, BY DEC. 7, MAKE  
FAIRLY ACCURATE ESTIMATE POSSIBILITY MEETING  
THIS SCHEDULE. IF ESTIMATE IS THAT MULTILATERAL WORK  
WILL CONTINUE TO DEC. 21, MINISTER OSOT COULD COME  
GENEVA WITH VIEW CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS THERE WEEK  
BEGINNING DEC. 17; (B) IF COURSE OUTLINED  
(A) ABOVE NOT FEASIBLE, THEN WE WOULD BE PREPARED  
DEFER NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL SUCH LATER DATE NEXT YEAR AS  
MIGH BE CONVENIENT TO MINISTER OSOT.

3. IN VIEW OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH MINISTER  
OSOT, HOPE EMBASSY CAN EXPLAIN US DILEMMA TO  
MINISTER'S SATISFACTION. WHILE THIS CONSIDERATION  
LEADS US MAKE ALTERNATIVE (A) PROPOSAL ABOVE, ON  
BALANCE WE BELIEVE ALTERNATIVE (B) WOULD PROBABLY BE  
THE BETTER COURSE FOR BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

4. TEXTS REQUESTED PARA 2 REF B WERE POUCHED  
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5. PLEASE REPORT SOONEST MINISTER OSOT'S REACTION  
FOREGOING. KISSINGER

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